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### Public Sale.

On TUESDAY,

At ten o'clock, will be sold at the Vendue Store,

3d and 4th proof Antigua and Jamaica Rum in hhds. and bls.  
French Brandy in bls.  
Holland Gin in bls.  
Teneriffe Wine in casks,  
Cordials in bls.  
Sugar in hhds and bls.  
Molasses in hhds.  
Rice in tierces and bls.  
Soap in boxes,  
Queens and Earthen Ware in crates,  
Randomly assorted,  
30 boxes Havana Segars,  
Cotton in bales—on a credit.

ALSO,

A variety of DRY GOODS,

—AMONG WHICH ARE—

Broad and narrow Cloths,  
Flannels and Planes,  
Carpets and Carpeting,  
Irish and German Linens,  
Worsted and cotton Stockings,  
Calicoes and Gingham,  
A variety of Muslin and Mullin Handkerchiefs and Shawls,  
Table Cloths, Hats,  
Boots and Shoes,  
Hardware, and  
A number of other articles.

P. G. MARSTELLER,

Dec. 21.

Vendue-Master.

### Sale by Auction.

On WEDNESDAY next,

At ten o'clock, will be sold at the Auction Room,

Rum in hhds. and bls.

Sugar in do.  
Coffee in bags,  
Soap and Candles in boxes,  
Raisins in do.  
Starch in do.

Tobacco in kegs, &c.—ALSO,  
A quantity of Dry Goods,

Viz.

Kendal Cottons,

Kerseys,  
Halfstiches, Plains,  
Plaids, Coatings,  
Duffels, Flannels,  
Irish and Sheetting Linens,  
German Oznaburghs,  
Calicoes, Durants,  
Shawls, Handkerchiefs,  
Ladies' Silk Gloves,  
Sewing Silks, Threads, &c.

H. and T. MOORE,

Dec. 21.

Auctioneers.

### A Tutor Wanted.

I WISH to procure a Teacher of improved mind, and moral, to reside in my own family. An accomplished female would be most agreeable. The salary shall be proportionate to merit. Letters addressed to me at Centerville in Fairfax, or at New-Market in this county, will be received readily.

SPENCER BALL.

Prince Wm. 21st Nov. eo 121

### To Rent,

THAT handsome, convenient three story BRICK HOUSE, lately occupied by Edward J. Lee, Esq. in King Street, a few doors west of Pitt Street.

SAMUEL CRAIG.

Dec. 15.

### PHILIP WANTON

Has just received from Birmingham, a neat assortment of

Saddlery, japanned goods,  
Brass Candlesticks, Shovels and Tongs,  
Wire Fenders, Saddlers Webbing, Saddle Trees, &c. &c.

A few barrels of excellent shoe thread and twine.

12 mo. 7.

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### JUST PUBLISHED,

AND FOR SALE AT

COTTON & STEWART'S

Book Store, Royal Street,

POLITICAL ESSAYS,

RELATIVE TO THE

War of the French Revolution;

—VIZ.—

AN ARGUMENT

Against continuing the War, for the subversion of the Republican Government of France:

A LETTER

To the Duke of Portland, being an answer to the two Letters of the late Right Hon. Edmund Burke, against treating for Peace with the French Republic—

—AND

A MEMORIAL,

Proposing a Plan, for the Conquest and Emancipation of Spanish America, by means which would promote the tranquillity of Ireland.

BY JAMES WORKMAN, ESQ.

Nov. 20.

JUST RECEIVED,

COARSE WOOLLENS,

Consisting of

Nap'd cottons, half thicks, pladdings, striped blankets and kersey duffels—For sale on very moderate terms by the package, on the usual credit.

Wm. HODGSON.

Dec. 6.

### FALL GOODS.

The Subscriber has received, by the Reserve from London, part of his FALL ASSORTMENT, and is in daily expectation of receiving the balance by the first arrivals from Liverpool.

James Wilson.

Sept. 12.

In the case of Andrew Ramsay and Wm. Ramsay, Bankrupts.

WHEREAS a commission of bankruptcy was duly awarded and issued against Andrew Ramsay and William Ramsay, of the town of Alexandria, in the district of Columbia, by the name and the description of Andrew Ramsay and William Ramsay, on the ninth day of December, in the year of our lord, one thousand eight hundred and one: And whereas the commissioners in and by the said commission named and authorized, have declared them to be bankrupts; the said commissioners do hereby summon and require the said Andrew Ramsay and William Ramsay personally to be and appear before the commissioners, in the said commission named, on Thursday the thirty first day of this present month; on Thursday the 28th day of January next; and on Thursday the 11th day of February next, at the Washington tavern in Alexandria, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon of each day, then and there to be examined, and to make a full & true discovery and disclosure of all their estate and effects according to the directions of the act of Congress, entitled, "An act to establish an uniform system of bankruptcy throughout the United States," at either of which meetings the creditors of said bankrupts may attend to prove the same, and those who are indebted to the said bankrupts, or have effects of any kind in their hands belonging to them, are not to pay away or secrete the same.

JAMES KEITH,

J. C. HERBERT, } Comm'rs.

J. B. NICKOLLS, }

Teste, HENRY MOORE,

Secretary to the Commission.

Dec. 22.

Printing in all its variety, executed at this office, with neatness and dispatch.

### L A W.

MERIT v. DEMERIT.

The Rival Clergy for Chaplainship to Congress.

For Sale at this Office,

The Clerical Candidates.

A POEM.

The above work is printed on fine wove paper, containing 36 pages, octavo, price 25 cents.

Dec. 3.

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JUST PUBLISHED,

By Cotton & Stewart,

And for Sale at their Book Store,

Price 37 1/2 Cents.

Certain Acts of the Commonwealth of Virginia for regulating the Militia, and of the Congress of the United States, more effectually to provide for the national defence by establishing an uniform militia throughout the United States, with the Rules and Articles of war.

BENNETT & WATTS

HAVE IMPORTED

In the Augusta from London, and Commerce from Liverpool, via Baltimore, The following GOODS,

which completes their assortment for the season—VIZ.

Superfine cloths and kerseymere, 5 4 and 6 4 broad cloths of every description,

4 4 and 6 4 plain, pattern cut coatings, Kerseys and halfstiches, 2 trunks multi, tipper and ermines, 1 box thread edgings, laces, and veils, 3 cases Irish laces,

2 do. do. sheetings and diapers, 3 trunks printed calicoes, 1 case table knives and forks, White Chapel needles,

Fashionable buttons, Silk shawls, Cotton and silk hosiery,

11-8 and 6-4 cotton and linen check, Threads, tapes and bobbins, 8, 10, 12, and 20d nails, &c. &c.

All of which will be round and open for sale in a few days on moderate terms, at the usual credit, by wholesale or retail.

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### FALL GOODS.

William Oxley and Co.

HAVE IMPORTED,

In the Reserve from London, and Algate from Liverpool,

Part of their Fall Goods, which will be sold very low for cash or approved notes, and a liberal credit will be given to their punctual customers.

On hand,

A quantity of East India Segars, Manufactured Tobacco in kegs.

Oct. 5.

### STOCK in TRADE.

To be disposed of, the entire Stock of KID, ELIOT & Co.

King Street, Alexandria,

Consisting of

Hardware, Cutlery, Ironmongery, Crockery & Glass Ware,

Paper Hangings, Paints, India Cottons, a few Groceries,

and a variety of other articles. All of which have been purchased on the best terms for Cash.

Liberal terms and credits will be given to any person wishing to purchase the whole Stock.

N. B. The copartnership of Kid, Eliot and Co. will cease on the 1st January next, by mutual consent. All persons having demands against the firm, are desired to send in their accounts for payment—and all indebted to them are requested to make payment to either of the subscribers.

ROBERT KID,

SAMUEL ELIOT, jun.

Dec. 21.

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### To be Hired,

An excellent dining room servant. Enquire of the Printers.

### For BOSTON,



The Schooner

PRISCILLA

(A good vessel)

PRINCE HARDING, Master, Will take freight on reasonable terms. Apply to the Master on board, or to

JOHN G. LADD,

Who has lately received and now offers for Sale,

20 Hogheads of excellent Molasses,  
15 do. do. Sugar,  
25 do. do. Rum,  
5 do. Copperas & Brimstone,  
10 Casks Cordials,  
20 Barrels Boston Beer,  
30 Casks, } Fresh Raisins  
20 Boxes }  
50 Bags Coffee,  
200 Boxes Candles and Soap,  
5 Bags Cotton,  
5 Do. Hops,  
10 Boxes Cotton and Wool Cards,  
20 Do. 16 by 18 Glafs,  
30 Chests fresh Teas, } Entitled to  
20 Bales Russia Sheetting, } drawback.  
8 Do. Ravens Duck,  
3 Cases of Writing Paper,  
50 Boxes fresh Chocolate,  
Excellent Dumb Fish, &c. &c. &c.  
December 8.

William Hartnorne

HAS FOR SALE,

At his Mill, or in Alexandria, Main Street, by the ton, or ready ground by the bushel, Indian Meal or Rye Meal, boiled or unboiled,  
Corn or any other grain (except wheat) ground for toll at the mill.

At his store in Town,  
Hay in bundles, corn by the bushel,  
Loaf or lump sugar by the hhd. or bbl,  
Jamaica spirit by the hhd. or barrel,  
more than 3 years old,  
First and second quality James River tobacco in kegs,

A few very good mill spindles,  
Two good scale beams,

For Sale,  
A number of valuable Lots in town.

Also, to Sell or Rent,  
A valuable Brick House on King Street, now in the tenure of Thomas Cruse.

To Let,  
A two story Frame House, on Duke Street, with a large garden and a well of good water at the door. 12 mo. 22.

### SOAL LEATHER

And Mens' coarse Shoes, Just received a quantity, for sale by

JOHN G. LADD.

Dec. 19.

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Robert T. Hooe and Co.

HAVE IMPORTED, In the brig Neptune, from Lisbon, AND OFFER FOR SALE,

100 casks Lisbon Wine of a superior quality,

500 bushels of Salt,  
1 bale of Morocco Skins,  
A few boxes of Lemons and Oranges,  
Figs in Fraills,  
Olive Oil, Almonds, Filberts,  
10 bundles floor carpets and foot mats.

They have likewise on hand,  
A few bales of Negro cottons and blankets,

German Linens,  
Earthen Ware in crates, Sugar in hhds. and bls. and coffee in bags and tierces.

Nov. 30.

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### ABEL WILLIS

Has for sale, at his store on Prince Street, (Just from Norfolk)

Soft shelled Almonds, Figs, Oranges, Lemons, Grapes; best Jamaica

Sugar by the barrel or smaller quantity, Havana white and brown do. best English

Cheese, elegant Travelling Cases, best Spanish Segars and Crab Cyder.

Dec. 4.

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July 11,

RICHARD CHINN, Capt. of

8th U. S. Regiment,

quality,

April 23,

they will sell low on a liberal credit.

June 5,

July 6,

plete for spring or fall,



ACCOMPANYING THE  
PRESIDENT'S COMMUNICATION  
TO  
CONGRESS,  
Of the 8th December, 1801.

Extract of a letter from the Secretary of State, to William Eaton Esq. Consul of the United States at Tunis, dated May 20, 1801.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,  
Washington, May 20, 1801.

"The proofs which have been given by the Bashaw of Tripoli, of hostile designs against the United States, have, as you will learn from Commodore Dale, determined the President to send into the Mediterranean a squadron of three frigates and a sloop of war, under the command of that officer. Should war have been declared, or hostilities commenced, this force will be immediately employed in the defence and protection of our commerce against the piracies of that regency. It is hoped that the contagion will not have spread to Tunis or Algiers; but should one or both of them have followed the perfidious example, their corsairs will be equally repelled and punished.

"The policy of exhibiting a naval force on the coast of Barbary, has long been urged by yourself and the other consuls. The present moment is peculiarly favorable for the experiment, not only as it is a provision against an immediate danger, but as we are now at peace and amity with all the rest of the world, and as the force employed would, if at home, be at nearly the same expense, with less advantage to our mariners. The President has therefore every reason to expect the utmost exertions of your prudence and address, in giving the measure an impression most advantageous to the character and interests of the United States. In effecting this object, the means must be left in a great degree to your knowledge of the local and other circumstances, which cannot be understood at this distance. You will of course take due pains to satisfy the Bey, that the United States are desirous of maintaining peace; that they have given abundant evidence of their disposition to cultivate the friendship of the Barbary regencies; and of himself in particular, and that if the flag of the United States should be engaged in war with either of them, it will be a war of defence and necessity, not of choice or provocation. You will also give every friendly explanation and assurance on this occasion, which may be requisite for the consuls and agents of other powers residing at Tunis.

"You are authorized to inform the Bey of Tunis, that a vessel is now preparing to take in the cargo, which will complete the regalia due to him, and that no time will be lost in getting her on her voyage.

## NOTE.

The same was written to Mr. O'Brien except the last paragraph, with the following addition:—

"You will of course take due pains to satisfy the Bey, that the United States are desirous of maintaining peace with all nations who are willing to live in peace that they have given abundant evidence of their disposition to cultivate the friendship of the Barbary regencies, and of himself in particular; that they expect from his good faith an efficacious interposition, according to our treaty with him for guaranteeing the treaty with the Bashaw of Tripoli.

"The United States, it appears, will before you receive this, be three years in arrears to the Bey. Towards making up the deficiency of the "George Washington" is under active preparation to carry timber and other stores for at least one annuity. Commodore Dale is charged with thirty thousand dollars, which the President hopes the Bey may have been induced to accept as a commutation for the stores due for another. He has also in charge four hundred yards of cloth, and thirty pieces of linen, for the biennial present. Should you not have prevailed on the Bey, and should find it still impossible to prevail on him to accept the thirty thousand dollars in lieu of the stores, without the application of four, five, or six thousand dollars, you will be supplied with the sum, and the sum of thirty thousand dollars will then be made up out of other monies in the Commodore's hands. Should there be no possibility of inducing the Bey to the mea-

sure, even with this aid, the whole sum of thirty thousand dollars is to be retained by the Commodore. The balance for the remaining, or third year, will be sent as soon as it can be done, either in stores or money as may be agreed. You are already aware how much both the convenience and interest of the United States will be promoted by substituting money for stores, rating the latter at thirty thousand dollars as a permanent regulation, and will take due pains to bring about such a change. You may find it perhaps an argument of some weight with the Bey for preferring money to stores, that the former can always be remitted with more punctuality; and that in times of war such of the latter as are held to be contraband by the European law of nations, may be exposed to captures, by which he must be affected as well as the U. States. In case you should succeed in the pecuniary commutation proposed, it will be proper in defining the sum of thirty thousand dollars to refer to some standard of weight and fineness in the metal, will secure the United States against arbitrary regulations of the Bey, and quiet his jealousy if he should have any, of imposition on the part of the United States. The Spanish dollars now in circulation may, for example, answer this purpose.

"The pretensions set up against the United States in the case of the ship Fortune, for indemnification to the owners of the merchandise, with which the vessel was laden, shews the disadvantage of employing our vessels in the freight of Algerine property. You will, therefore, as far as you can, discourage that branch of trade; and as far as it cannot be done, will take care to repress all expectation or claim whatsoever, to throw on the United States the losses by capture under their flag.

"One subject of equal importance and delicacy still remains. The sending to Constantinople, the national ship of war, the George Washington, by force, under the Algerine flag, and for such a purpose, has deeply affected the sensibility, not only of the President, but of the people of the United States. Whatever temporary effects it may have had favorable serious a nature, that it is not improbable that it may be deemed necessary, on a fit occasion, to retrieve the subject. Viewing it in this light, the President wishes nothing may be said or done by you, that may unnecessarily preclude the competent authority from animadverting on that transaction in any way that a vindication of the national honor may be thought to prescribe."

Extract of a letter from the same to James L. Cathcart, Esq. Consul at Tripoli, dated,

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,  
Washington, May 21, 1801.

"The threat of hostilities against the trade of the United States by the Bashaw, certified in your communication, and issuing immediately from the Bashaw himself in a translation of his letter of 25 May last, certified by his interpreter Farfara, has determined the President to send into the Mediterranean a squadron of frigates and a sloop of war, under Commodore Dale, by whom this is written. You will also receive from him a letter to the Bashaw from the President.

"Should war have been declared, or hostilities commenced, before the arrival of this squadron, it will be immediately employed in the defence and protection of our commerce, against the piratical attacks of the Bashaw's corsairs. Should war have been neither declared nor commenced, it is expected by the President that you will exert all your prudence and address in rendering the appearance of the Squadron, and the letter from the President subservient to the preservation of peace, and to such impressions on the Bashaw, as will be the most favorable to the dignity and interests of the United States. The President relies the more on the zeal and success of these exertions, as the policy of exhibiting a naval force on the coast of Barbary, has long been urged by you and the other Consuls. To aid your exertions on this occasion, you will be supplied by Commodore Dale, with a sum if necessary which will be communicated by him. In a letter which I have written by the present opportunity to Mr. O'Brien, he is instructed to cultivate the good will of the Bey of Algiers, and to call on him for his stipulated interposition as guarantee of the treaty between the United States, and

the Bashaw. You will not fail to make the best use you can of the interposition if it be offered."

Thomas Jefferson, President of the United States of America. To the illustrious and honored Bey of Tripoli of Barbary, whom God preserve.

GREAT AND RESPECTED FRIEND,  
The assurances of friendship which our Consul has given you, and of our sincere desire to cultivate peace and commerce with your subjects, are faithful expressions of our dispositions, and you will continue to find proofs of them in all those acts of respect and friendly intercourse which are due between nations standing as we do in the relations of peace and amity with each other.

"At the conclusion of our treaty with you, we endeavoured to prove our respect for yourself, and satisfaction at that event by such demonstration as then gave you entire content; and we are disposed to believe that in rendering into another language those expressions in your letter of the 25th of May last, which seem to imply purposes inconsistent with the faith of that transaction, your intentions have been misconstrued. On this supposition we renew to you sincerely, assurances of our constant friendship, and that our desire to cultivate peace and commerce with you, remains firm and unabated.

"We have found it expedient to detach a Squadron of observation into the Mediterranean sea, to superintend the safety of our commerce there, and to exercise our seamen in nautical duties. We recommend them to your hospitality and good offices, should occasion require their stopping to your harbours. We hope their appearance will give umbrage to no power, for, while we mean to rest the safety of our commerce on the resources of our own strength and bravery in every sea, we have yet given to this Squadron in first command, to conduct themselves towards all friendly powers with the most perfect respect and good order: it being the first object of our solicitude to cherish peace and friendship with all nations with whom it can be held on terms of equality and reciprocity.

I have the honor to be, your great and respected friend, to have you always in his holy keeping.

Written at the City of Washington, the twenty-first day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and one.

(Signed)  
THOMAS JEFFERSON.

By the President,  
(Signed)

JAMES MADISON,  
Secretary of State.

Form of a letter which Commodore Dale was directed to write to the Bey of Algiers and the Bey of Tunis.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,  
Having the honor to command a Squadron of observation, dispatched by the President of the United States into the Mediterranean sea, to support the safety of their commerce threatened with attacks by the Bashaw of Tripoli, and to exercise our seamen in nautical duty, the instructions which I have received from the President require, that in approaching your harbours I should tender the profound respect that is due to my excellency's dignity and character, and should recommend the Squadron under your command, to your hospitality and good offices. I leave to the Consul of the United States the task of explaining more particularly the friendly dispositions of the United States towards your excellency, the proofs with which he is charged of their desire to maintain the treaty between the two powers, and the reliance of the President on similar dispositions on your part; for myself I only make use of the occasion to assure your excellency of the sensibility with which I shall experience your friendly countenance and accommodations, of the sentiments of reverence and exalted esteem with which

I have the honor to be,  
Your Excellency's obedient servant,  
(To be continued.)

FROM THE PALLADIUM.

MORPHEUS.

Messrs. Printers,  
ON my third visit to the Land of Nod, I found Angelo as if waiting for me, near the centre of the great square. After our

first salutations, he told me that Mr. Godwin, having recovered his spirits after the disasters of the former day of instruction, was just going out upon a new enterprise. From his first lecture had been pretty extensively absorbed the doctrine, that property ought to be common, and the result of labour, which should also be common. This doctrine was to a number of his people altogether a popular one. Encouraged by the reception with which it met, the Philosopher had proposed, on this day, to go out into a common field with several teams and instruments of husbandry, to plough the field according to the new system of philanthropy. All were to labour alike, and all were to be fed alike with the produce of the labour. We immediately joined the company, who were just entering the field, which lay in the suburbs of the City of Perfection. The field was covered with green sward. A few stumps of trees, and not a small number of stones and rocks, some of them of considerable size, were scattered over its surface.

The Philosopher, himself, to set the example, took hold of one of the ploughs, and directed the plough-boy to drive the team onward. As he had never ploughed any thing before, except metaphysical fields, which he had always taken care to have smoothed and mellowed to his liking; plain farmer's ploughing in rough ground must be supposed to have been attended with several inconveniences, not the less disagreeable because they were new.

The first difficulty which the Philosopher met with was, that he could not keep the colter in the ground. All his efforts (skill he had none) did not suffice. The oxen drew the plough out as fast as he put it in. As his temper was meek in appearance rather than reality, he began soon to complain of the plough boy, the team, and the plough, and roundly pronounced them good for nothing. The farmers, who accompanied from a curiosity to see a learned man plough, laughed and jeered as he went on, and contributed very little to the restoration of his good humour.

The Philosopher was offended, according to his dignity, in a robe, long and flowing. One of the plough handles caught his robe, and made a large rent in it. Plague on the plough! (exclaimed the Philosopher.)

You ought to lay plague on the ploughman (replied one of the farmers.) The plough is mine, and as good a one as ever turned a furrow.

I can do nothing with it (answered the Philosopher.) That is because you don't know how (said the farmer.) You men of learning think, because you have read a few books, that you know every thing; and that we farmers, because we have not read them, know nothing. But I see you know as little of our business as we do of yours. Give me the plough. You will see I can make it keep the furrow. No, my friend (said the Philosopher, with a look of benignity) I will finish the furrow which I have begun, and then I will give it to you.

Very well (answered the farmer) as you please for that. Just then the plough, having struck against a root of one of the stumps, which stood at a small distance from its course, stuck, fast. The team stopped. The plough-boy hallowed, *Whob, Whob, then!* The Philosopher, recovering himself from a violent twitch, which the motion of the plough had given him, ordered the boy to back the team; and with a hard pull, dragged the plough over the root. The team went on, making sometimes a breach in the sward, and sometimes sliding over it.

We should make sad work of getting a living (said one of the farmers) if we ploughed our land in this manner. That we should (replied another) and was going on; when the plough, striking a large stone, bounded violently against the Philosopher's shin, and knocked him down.

The Philosopher groaned.

I told you (said the farmer who owned the team) you'd better give me the plough.

The Philosopher groaned again; and several of the farmers, pitying his misfortune, raised him up.

I never saw the like (cried the Philosopher piteously.)

I have a thousand times (said a wag, who was helping him to get upon his feet.)

These scholars are good for nothing to work (said the first farmer.)

My friend (said the Philosopher languishingly) I am not discouraged. I am determined to go round the furrow; and

taking in team go several of any serious whence!

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taking hold of the plough again, bade the team go on. In the circuit he met with several other misadventures; but without any serious disaster arrived at the place whence he had set out.

There my friends (said he, smilingly) I have set you the example. We are all a band of brothers; all friends, all equals. Let us join heart and hand in one common cause; the promotion of the common good. Let us shew the world a glorious pattern of philanthropy and equality. Let us begin the work of perfecting man. Henceforth be selfishness excluded from society. Henceforth be the Universe one great common flock, in one common garner. Divine Philanthropy! the first attribute of Man; of Man, that Creature of Perfection; that Child of Mental Energy; born to live, and raise, and improve forever.

As the Philosopher was going on, his eye kindled, his hand was extended, and his mouth opened wider, for a sublimer display of philosophical eloquence, when, sad to tell! he happened to cast a look on his right hand, which he had extended in a graceful attitude almost before him, and there saw a livid-coloured spot of the size of half a dollar.—Mercy (cried he) What is this? My hand is mortified; and with a most malignant and rapid gangrene. It has covered one quarter of the hand already. I shall be a dead man before I reach home.

The tone in which this was spoken, the paleness of his countenance, and the flaring of his eyes alarmed the crowd, who instantly thronged around him.

Let us see your hand (said the wag, with a look of much concern) let us see it. Here it is, here it is (said the Philosopher, sadly) do you see the mortification?

Poh! (said the wag)—Why, Mr. Philosopher, it is nothing but a blood blister.

It is a mortification, (replied the Philosopher) I tell you.

And I (said the wag) tell you it is nothing but a blood blister. I have had fifty such on my own hands, and am not dead yet.

Are you certain, that it is nothing but a blood blister, my good friend?

It is nothing else (cried half a dozen voices at once).

You have restored me to life, my good friends. I thought it had been a mortification; and had that been the case, you know, as it spread so rapidly, it must have soon destroyed the energy of life.

You studied surgery, I suspect, (said the wag) under the same master, who taught you to plough.

Who will take the plough next (said the Philosopher.)

I (said the first farmer) I will shew you how to manage a plough.

Accordingly he took it and went thro' the field like a man accustomed to the business. When he had returned, he offered it to another, who did the same. The other farmers also took the other ploughs and went their rounds, and all appeared to be in good humor.

[To be continued.]

## Congress of the United States.

### HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Thursday, December 24.

A report was received from the secretary of war, giving a statement of the present military establishments in the United States, the number of men necessary &c. Referred to a committee of the whole.

A report was received from the Post Master General, stating the post roads which have not produced one third of the expense of carrying the mail, after having been established two years.

Mr. Griswold offered a resolution: that the secretary of state be directed to lay before the house a table showing the comparative duties on goods imported into Great Britain, in American and other foreign ports, so far as they related to American commerce. Agreed.

Mr. Dennis offered a resolution; that the secretary of state be directed to lay before the house the laws of the Northwest and Indiana territories, relating to the imposing of taxes on lands of non-resident proprietors. Agreed.

Mr. Talmadge presented a petition from sundry inhabitants of New Haven &c. relative to the establishment of a new road. Referred to the committee on Post-offices and Post-roads.

Mr. Stanley presented a petition from sundry inhabitants of the county of Hyde-

N. C. praying the establishment of a port of delivery. Referred to the committee of commerce and manufactures.

On motion to come to the order of the day on the census bill, Mr. Bayard and Mr. Rutledge were for postponing on account of the thinness of the house; Mr. Vannels and Gen. Smith for taking them up. After some debate it was postponed till the first Monday in January.

The house adjourned till the 28th inst.

## Alexandria Advertiser.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29.

We are authorized to state, that no official information has been received by Government relative to a boat belonging to the frigate President, commodore Dale, having upset.

It is a circumstance highly gratifying to Republicans, and honorable to the country, that the Democrats in congress, at least their leaders, discover sufficient honor & integrity to disavow the base and infamous charges which their hollow-hearted minions have been in the habit of advancing against the most distinguished characters of the late administration. Men who plunder Post-offices, and publish private letters, had before plundered the office of the Treasury, and from books which were there found published what they called demonstrations, that PICKERING and WOLCOTT had defrauded the United States of hundreds of thousands of Dollars for which no account had been rendered. Many honest people were weak enough to believe these charges. The public ought now to notice the estimation in which these wretches are held by men of character in their own party, who so far from giving the least credit to their wicked falsehoods, openly declare in Congress, that they do not even suspect Mr. Pickering of ever having appropriated a single dollar of the public money to his own use; that they consider Mr. Pickering as a man of the most irreproachable integrity. A committee, appointed during the last session, in which were three very distinguished democrats, unanimously pronounced as flattering an eulogium upon the talents industry and integrity manifested in the official conduct of Mr. Wolcott. Where will those creatures now hide their heads, who have been amusing the credulous populace with promises, that the new administration & a democratic Congress would attest the truth of their libellous assertions, and bring to light such frauds and defalcations as would fully justify all the scandalous abuse which has been for years bestowed upon the first characters of the nation? What then, it will be asked, is the object of instituting an inquiry into the accounts of the late administration?—This question deserves an answer, and the answer will involve some principles advanced by the president, in his message, and advocated by the Democrats in congress, which merit very serious consideration, and which are calculated to alarm the apprehensions of those who with well to the Constitution and present form of our government.

The President, in his Message, suggests to Congress the expediency of multiplying barriers (we use the President's own language) against the dissipation of the public contributions, by appropriating specific sums to every specific purpose, and by disallowing all applications of money varying from the appropriation in object or transcending it in amount.

The object of the democratic members now is to enquire whether Mr. Pickering and the other members of the administration, have ever varied from the principle which is here suggested as the only proper rule for the regulation of those who direct the application of public money—to enquire not whether Mr. Pickering has ever applied money which had never been appropriated by law; for that is not even pretended or insinuated; indeed, the very contrary is declared by Mr. Nicholson; but whether he has ever made applications of money varying from the appropriation in object or transcending it in amount. The Republican Members acknowledge that he has, and that such has, from necessity, been the practice ever since the government was brought into operation; and it is sincerely to be hoped that Congress will not be so visionary and unwise, as to impose upon the present, or upon any future heads of departments, their restrictions here recommended by the President. In making the experiment, they would place the hands of the public functionaries

that government would not be able to proceed in its operations for a single year. A little reflection will render this subject plain and easy to the comprehension of every one.

Suppose that Congress appropriate a thousand dollars to supply a western garrison with clothing; and another thousand dollar for provisions. The secretary procures the clothing, in the recess of congress, and furnishes the garrison; but the provisions, in crossing the Susquehanna are overlet and lost: or the money is put into the hands of an agent who proves unfaithful; or, through misfortune, fails and the money is lost:—or the provisions are procured and fall into the hands of the Indians: according to the doctrine, this garrison must be clothed at the expense of a thousand dollars; but must have nothing to eat till Congress again meet, make the necessary appropriations, and time be allowed, after this, for the secretary to procure the provisions and have them forwarded to the spot. During all this time the Secretary may have in his hands a surplus of a thousand dollars which had been appropriated to the building of ships, or to defray the expense of the civil list, or for some other purpose, and which, according to the former usages of the government, might with propriety, be applied to save the lives of the garrison, and an account be rendered accordingly.

If any farther illustration be necessary, let the master of a family, preparing for a voyage to Europe, call upon his steward: let him deliver just as much money as he may reasonably suppose sufficient for the expenses of the household till his return: let him distribute the whole into parcels marking upon each the specific purpose to which it shall be applied, one for coffee, another for ducks, another for wine, another for beef, and so on to fish, butter, molasses, pork, mustard and mufh: Let him then inform the steward, that whatever changes may take place in the prices of provisions; whatever accidents may happen to a part of the money; that though he should be compelled to provide only pork and molasses for want of sufficient appropriations for beef and bread, he must still confine his application of money to the specific purpose, without varying from the appropriation in object or transcending it in amount, upon pain of dismissal and disgrace. Such a man would act upon the principle recommended in the message and now contended for by the democrats, in the house of representatives. Let any man, accustomed to provide for a family, say whether such a scheme would be practicable in domestic affairs, and then let him imagine the practicability of effecting it in the affairs of a nation.

Any person, who reflects for a moment, will perceive how impossible it is for Congress to foresee all the contingencies which may happen to render it indispensably necessary that the applications of money should differ, in some respects from the ratio contemplated at the time of making the appropriation; tho the aggregate amount may not vary at all. No measure could be fallen upon to provide for the necessary exigencies of government, and at the same time to confine the public officers to an application of specific sums to every specific purpose, but by appropriating a vastly greater sum than would be necessary, in case no accident should happen, and thus taking from labor, an unreasonable portion of its earnings, and allowing it to be useless in the pockets of public officers. On the contrary, no inconvenience can arise from the present mode of conducting the business, provided the officers be men of ability and integrity. If they are suspected to be otherwise, the President has power to dismiss them and to appoint others. It is not pretended that the public interest has suffered from any one who has hitherto been intrusted with these discretionary powers, except from Randolph, the democrat.—It must, however, be confessed, that, till now, the experiment has never been made upon any other than Americans.

Gaz. United States.

## FIFTY DOLLARS REWARD

TO TRACE THE SKULKING FRAUD. Whereas two letters, written at the City of Washington, one on the sixth and the other on the seventh instant, by RICHARD PETERS, Jun. Esquire, both signed and directed to me, and left at the bar of Mr. Still's Hotel, where letters for the mail are frequently deposited; and

whereas neither of those letters has been received by me, I hereby offer a reward of FIFTY DOLLARS to any person who will produce those letters with the seals entire, or twenty-five dollars for either of them; and in case the seals be broken, the whole sum of fifty dollars shall be given to any person who will so detect the villain who has broken open and detained either of them, as that the culprit may be brought to justice.

In order to assist the enquirer, I think proper to state, that, at the time when the first mentioned letter was left at Mr. Still's, which was on Sunday evening the sixth instant, James Oberham, an Englishman, a hatter by trade, now resident in New York, and editor of a paper called American Citizen, was in the house; and that on the Friday following, the subsequent paragraphs appeared in the Aurora, purporting to be written by the editor of that paper at Washington on the very day upon which the first letter ought to have left that city.

## FROM THE EDITOR.

Washington City, December 7, 1851.

The President speaks in his speech very animatedly on the naturalization law and on the judiciary—and on the militia laws and juries.

Wallace and young Peters are here—I saw a letter written by the latter to Bronson this day, in which he reviles Mr. Jefferson for attempting to deviate from Washington and Adams' practice—Peters promises Bronson to give him regular information—and alludes to some letter of Cheaney to a Mr. Ciesek, he says: Duane is here to exercise an influence, and Cheatham to obtain one, so you see these idiots feeling on the subject.

The session will be a very long one."

It may be proper further to state, that on the respective days upon which those letters became due, I received blank sheets of paper, sealed in the form of letters, directed to me and stamped with the Washington post-mark; the first with the mark Dec. 7, the second Dec. 8. These were both sent back to the Post-Master in this city and the postage was refunded. The probability is, that, when the letters of Mr. PETERS were stolen, these blank sheets were dropped in their places, in order that the theft might escape notice.

I do not think it worth while to call upon William Duane to account for the manner in which he came by the extract forwarded by him to this city and published in his paper. If he is a wretch so base as to steal, and so mean as to break open and publish a private and confidential letter, it is not probable that he would be ingenious enough to confess the villainy. I shall, however, direct a copy of this advertisement to be sent to him, and another to Cheatham, in order that they may have an opportunity of claiming the reward, provided either of them has the power and the inclination to make the proper disclosure. Several other communications have been lately directed to me from Washington, by different gentlemen, but have not come to hand. Society as well as myself have an interest in putting a stop to such unheard-of outrages.

E. BRONSON.

December 21, 1851.

## Public Sale.

On Saturday next, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, at the residence of the undersigned.

Will be Sold at Public Sale, The Sloop

## FAVORITE,

Burthen 53 tons, as she now lies at Harper's wharf, on a credit of 6 and 9 months, for notes with approved endorsers, payable at the Banks of Alexandria and George Town.

P. G. MARSTELLER, Vendue Master.

Dec. 29.

## Notice is hereby given,

To the STOCKHOLDERS of the Bank

THAT an election will be held at the Court House in this town, on the third Monday in January next, for the purpose of choosing Nine Directors of said Bank for the ensuing year, agreeably to charter. By order of the President and Directors.

GURDEN CHAPIN, Cashier.

Dec. 18.

Printing in all its variety executed at this office.



A few kegs and boxes fresh raisins and  
currants. Nov. 30. 1811

*Ten Dollars Reward,*  
For the apprehension of *Negro Wanny*,  
about 14 years of age, of a yellowish cast,  
short in stature, stout made, eyes remark-  
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When he ran off from the subscribers, on  
the evening of the 22d ult. he was bare-  
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cuted with the utmost rigor of the law.

COLIN AULD.

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As it is intended persons, inclined to purchase, will examine the premises, a further description is unnecessary. A title will be made upon payment of the money.

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